



MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015 NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: Acting Chair Jim Hayes called the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 members present.** Note – This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action. Acting Chair Hayes welcomed everyone to the meeting and the other Board members introduced themselves and gave their subdistricts.

Board Members Present – Gary Andersen, Harvey Arkin, Dylan Armstrong, Rodney Chun, Kristen Collat, Eric Eads, Wyatt Gordon, Jim Hayes, Hunter Heavilin, Nathaniel Kinney, Dale Kobayashi, Teri Mitchell, and Ellen Watson.

Board Members Absent – Denise Bilodeau, Patti Hoe, Joan Koff, and Bronson Silva.

Vacancies – There were no vacancies at this time.

Guests – Denise Matsubara (Governor David Ige's Representative, Governor's Office), Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office), Barbara Yamashita (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Community Services, Deputy Director); Steve Uyeno (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), Captain Glenn Kuwamura and Firefighter III Christopher Edwards (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane and Sergeant Keoni Hong (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Joli Tokusato (AiKea Movement, Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12), Bob Kern, Micki Stash, Sharon Omizo, Benjamin Sadoski (AiKea Movement), Paola Rodeias (AiKea), Helen Nakano (Be Ready Mānoa), Jo Ann Yanazaki, Susan Taylor-Alonso, Phyllip Taylor-Alonso, Dawn Kobayashi, Erin Bishop (Oahu Invasive Species Committee), Dayton Oshiro (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Acting Chair Hayes mentioned that the Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) requested a phone number correction. Andersen requested the meeting minutes within 30 days and before the February 2016 meeting's mailout, as he may forget what happened at the meeting. The Neighborhood Assistant explained the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) does not usually mail out the draft minutes with the following month's recess notice, because Board members do forget what took place at the previous meeting. Acting Chair Hayes would like to continue the existing policy. **Gordon moved and Watson seconded that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 approve the November 4, 2015 meeting minutes.** Armstrong expressed disagreement with parts of the minutes. **As there were no objections, the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No 7 APPROVED the November 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Armstrong, Chun, Collat, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, Kinney, Kobayashi, Mitchell, and Watson; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** The amendment was as follows:

- Page 2, under Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC), the correct phone number is 266-7994.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Glenn Kuwamura and Firefighter III Christopher Edwards reported the following:

- **November 2015 Statistics** – There were 4 activated alarms (no fires), 18 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle crash/collision, and 1 mountain rescue.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from the home as soon as possible, and consider recycling the tree at a participating green waste center. Leave the fireworks to the pyrotechnic professionals, and enjoy the fireworks displays offered by various communities on New Year's Eve. As a reminder, the law states that children under the age of 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks. Leftover fireworks are potential fire hazards and can be a great temptation for children to play with. For safe disposal, call 911 and the Honolulu Police Department will dispatch a patrol officer to collect the unused fireworks.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane reported the following:

- November 2015/October 2015 Statistics – There were 2/5 motor vehicle thefts, 14/9 burglaries, 17/36 thefts, and 8/8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). The total number of calls for service was 6,227.
- Safety Tips – Lieutenant Sukekane distributed a handout on home security tips for the holidays. If neighbors see something suspicious, call 911.

Comments followed: Terrorist Attacks – With the recent terrorist attacks around the world and the United States, Andersen asked what to do in case of a terrorist attack. Lieutenant Sukekane replied there are many websites for when there is an active shooter. There are three (3) options – Run, hide, or fight. Call 911. If hiding, turn the phone off or put the ringer on low. When law enforcement arrives, keep hands in view, do not make sudden moves, and listen to instructions. Give precise information. Watson added that at the Aurora Theater, the victims could not hide, as the gunmen moved down the aisle and shot them. Lieutenant Sukekane noted that the location did not have good hiding places and each person must decide whether to hide or run. Collat signed up for Nixle, and text messages are quiet. However, it is not possible to text 911. Lieutenant Sukekane noted that when 911 is called, HPD will dispatch officers to the general area. With Smart 911.com, users can register and add work place, emergency contacts, and other information. Watson added that she once called 911, but did not talk. HPD called back. Watson and Lieutenant Sukekane reminded everyone if hiding, to turn the cell phone ringer off.

Arkin arrived at 7:20 p.m.; **12 members present.**

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – When Dominic Dias left the office the report was not ready yet. The Woodlawn Water System Improvement project, Phase II should be completed by the end of January 2016.

Oahu Invasive Species Committees of Hawaii (OISC) – Erin Bishop reported the following:

- Miconia Summary (January-November 2015) – OISC worked on 12 target species across the island and spent nearly 40% of time in the field on Miconia removal. The field crew spent over 4, 600 hours surveying 8, 821 acres. OISC found and removed 12 mature trees and 2,099 immature trees. Mature trees were found in the Kaalaea (5), Kahaluu (3), Maunawili (1), Nu‘uanu (2), and Makiki (1) Watersheds and none in Mānoa. 20% of Miconia surveys time was spent in Manoa. OISC found and removed 426 immature trees and found no mature trees. Miconia is a very distinctive plant, with dark green upper leaves and bright purple undersides and three (3) visible veins running the length of the leaf. If anyone sees Miconia, do not pull it. Instead, report its location for proper disposal. Call OISC at 266-7994 or email – oisc@hawaii.edu.
- Ohia – With the holidays approaching, ohia is popular for wreaths. Keep in mind that the ohia quarantine is still in effect for Hawaii Island, as research and containment efforts of Rapid Ohia Death continue. The rapid ohia death fungus is still only known to be on Hawaii Island, so it is important not to ship or buy ohia from Hawaii Island to any other island. Remember buying local helps prevent the inadvertent spread of alien species. For the latest information, visit rapidohiadeath.org.

THREE (3) ABSENCES LETTER FOR RODNEY CHUN: As this agenda item was not listed on tonight's agenda, Watson moved and Armstrong seconded to add this agenda item to tonight's agenda. (Note – A two-thirds (2/3) vote of 12 was needed to add items to the agenda.) **The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 11-0-1 (AYE: Arkin, Armstrong, Chun, Collat, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, Kinney, Kobayashi, Mitchell, and Watson; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Andersen).** This item will be listed on the next agenda in February 2016.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Acting Chair Hayes looked at the meeting agenda and decided not to attend. No report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Residents and Others for Matters Not on the Agenda – Acting Chair Hayes mentioned that other agenda items included Resolution for AiKea Movement Support, Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 Proposals for Submission to Area Elected Officials for the Legislature's Regular Session of 2016 (the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) proposals), and Proposals Submitted to the Honolulu Charter Commission Related to the Neighborhood Commission and the Neighborhood Board System. There was no community input.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members – There was none.

Discussion of Residents' Concerns Related to the Construction Activities for the Nipo Street Cluster Housing Development at 3596 Nipo Street – **Armstrong moved and Mitchell seconded to move this agenda item 5.3 to NEW BUSINESS 7.3.** Discussion followed. **As there was no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Arkin, Armstrong, Chun, Collat, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, Kinney, Kobayashi, Mitchell, and Watson; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Steve Uyeno distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and mentioned that Councilmember Kobayashi wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Uyeno was available to hear concerns and reported the following:

- Community Meeting – Councilmember Kobayashi will join House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say and Representative Isaac Choy for a community meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at the Hokulani Elementary School, 2940 Kamakini Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on efforts to keep the community safe and pending legislation.

Comments followed:

1. Development on Kipo Street – Armstrong asked about Kipo Street. Uyeno responded that Councilmember Kobayashi's Office has followed up with the residents of the 14 homes and with Request for Investigation and Response (RISR) to the City Departments. Uyeno visited the site and took pictures.
2. Meetings – Kinney asked about the meeting at Hokulani School. Uyeno mentioned that this meeting was in House Speaker Emeritus Say's district and will be in addition to the one at Mānoa Elementary School.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Deputy Director Barbara Yamashita reported the following:

- Happy Holidays from Clean Water Honolulu – Deputy Director Yamashita mentioned a flyer from the Clean Water Honolulu about trash disposal and clean gutters during the holidays.
- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Operating and Maintenance Costs – Operations and maintenance costs will be about \$120 million per year depending on the year and are paid for by fare box revenue as well as from the City's General Fund. HART would be willing to send a representative and requests a date.
- Signage – The subject of signage directing folks to private locations has been brought up in the past. At the five-way stop in upper Mānoa, the signs have been removed and the sign that directed people to Paradise Park and Lyon Arboretum was removed on November 25, 2015. As to the cultural signs directing tourists, this may be under the State.
- Crane Park – Crane Park and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) have recently re-done the restrooms. Now, people are using the restrooms to bathe and wetting the floors. Deputy Director Yamashita suggested calling 911 to report the vandalism. Deputy Director Yamashita supported mobile "hygiene centers" and more funding.
- Pool – The phone at the lifeguard station has been repaired and a work order has been issued for the lights in the bleacher area.

Comments followed:

1. Leaning Poles – Armstrong reported that on Metcalf Street there are two (2) leaning poles. Armstrong called Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and the poles are still leaning over the sidewalk in a dark area. Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up.
2. Crane Park – Watson suggested an outside shower and asked for a chicken catching update. Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up.
3. Grass Cutting – Collat reported that due to the recent heavy rains, the grass has grown over the sidewalks on Wilder Avenue. Collat asked if there were any volunteer programs to help maintain the area. Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up.
4. Homeless – Collat reported homeless people at the Wilder Avenue/Punahou Street bus stop. Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up with Community Services and call Mr. Jun Yang, Office of Housing, at 768-4303.

University of Hawaii Representative – Elmer Kaai, Director of Public Relations, was not present. Collat noted that Patti Hoe had sent an e-mail that Kaai could not attend tonight, but will come to the next meeting.

State Representative Isaac Choy – Representative Choy was not present and no report was available.

State Senator Brian Taniguchi – Senator Taniguchi was not present and no report was available.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Senior Special Assistant Denise Matsubara, Governor's Office, distributed Governor Ige's newsletter and highlighted his first year in office, by reporting the following:

- Housing and Homelessness – A series of new initiatives has been launched statewide to help homeless individuals and families, including expanded outreach services and shelter placement, increased funding for Housing First efforts, and coordination with landlords to accept more low-income and homeless tenants. Also, there has been increased public-private partnerships for more affordable housing and redeveloped low-income housing. There is a new temporary homeless shelter in Kaka'ako planned for January 2016. Starting with 15 families, the shelter may grow to 250 families.
- Environment – A landmark Turtle Bay agreement was signed to preserve in perpetuity nearly 630 acres of open space on O'ahu's North Shore. Other ongoing work includes shoreline and coral reef protection and stream restoration.
- Fiscal Accountability and Transportation – The state and the Airports Division earned an improved bond rating and financial outlook, which means more funds for infrastructure projects such as roadways, schools, and airport modernization. Reviewers were impressed by the Governor's understanding of the Budget, as he was the former Ways and Means (WAM) committee chair in the Senate. Rating agencies cited the state's sound fiscal policies, financial management and strong airline passenger growth trends as major factors.
- Efficient, Effective Government – Departments reported improved efficiency in completing state transportation "pipeline" projects, reduced overtime in the Corrections Division, Public Safety Department, expanded "paperless" document management, and initiated tax system modernization.
- Economy and Energy – The state engaged in international trade partnerships, student exchange programs, and clean energy agreements to boost economic development and sustainability. It has also initiated a statewide training program for the next generation of skilled "smart-grid" technicians, electrical engineers and managers. Departments received multimillion dollar federal grants for workforce, small business, and entrepreneurship development.
- Human Services – The Department of Human Services (DHS) increased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and was awarded a \$660,422 bonus under DHS Director Rachael Wong for timeliness of the application process, helped spearhead juvenile justice reform, and created an integrated, long-term care program for the state's Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Hawai'i Health Connector – Matsubara reminded Hawai'i residents seeking medical insurance to apply by Tuesday, December 15, 2015 for coverage beginning on Friday, January 1, 2016.

Comments followed:

1. Dengue Fever – Kinney was concerned about Dengue Fever on the Big Island and asked for information. Matsubara distributed a flyer from the State Department of Health (DOH). Cases were reported only on the Big Island of Hawai'i and no cases on Oahu. For updates on Dengue Fever in Hawai'i, visit health.hawaii.gov. Watson mentioned that news stories showed workers on Hawai'i Island were spraying, but not wearing personal protection equipment. Matsubara will follow up with the DOH.
2. Homelessness and Housing – A resident noted that part of the issue was economic, but part was about mental health. Matsubara noted that the State Co-ordinator is Scott Morishige and the DOH are looking at improvements to the State Hospital in Kāne'ohe. Morishige and Governor Ige are also looking at "wrap around" services for the shelters. Resident Sharon Omizo worked at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) and mentioned that inmates noted that the homeless do not want to go to the shelters as there are too many rules, and they do not want the help.

Eric Eads arrived at 8:10 p.m.; **13 members present.**

Acting Chair Hayes turned the gavel over to Chair Eads.

Chair Eads thanked Acting Chair Hayes for presiding over the meeting and encouraged everyone to support athletics in Mānoa.

Be Ready Mānoa (BRM) Committee /Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Helen Nakano reported the following:

- Planning – Nakano is planning for the next CERT training.
- Live Exercise – On Saturday, January 30, 2016 the public is invited to participate in a live training exercise at the lower campus of Mānoa District Park (MDP). There will be four (4) or five (5) stations to learn about disaster preparedness and a darkened area. A meeting and a potluck will follow.

- Next Training Sessions – On Saturday, February 6, 2016, Saturday, February 13, 2016, and Saturday, February 20, 2016, BRM will hold its third training session with 20 free hours of training at the Mānoa Valley Church with rooms to hold 50 people. The Hawaii National Guard (HNG) knows that government cannot help everyone. For more information visit – www.Bereadymanoa.org.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution for AiKea Movement Support – Last month the resolution opposing illegal vacation rentals did not pass. Discussion followed. Watson mentioned illegal vacation rentals should be pursued under the law. Hayes summarized last month's discussion and the support for AiKea's report on various related issues and program. Armstrong was frustrated that he was to rewrite the resolution, but received no positive input. Armstrong suggested writing personal letters. Gordon supported this suggestion. Heavilin wanted more AiKea input. Two representatives from AiKea returned and mentioned that AiKea proposed more Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) enforcement and wanted legislation from the City Council. Collat thanked AiKea for coming and wanted more facts and full discussion. Chair Eads was concerned about inter-Board communication and offered to write another resolution that will be added to the agenda and presented in February 2016.

During the discussion, Andersen departed at 8:29 p.m.; **12 members present**.

Kinney departed at 8:35 p.m.; **11 members present**.

Watson departed at 8:37 p.m.; **10 members present**.

NEW BUSINESS

Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 Proposals for Submission to Area Elected Officials for the Legislature's Regular Session of 2016 – Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) chair Hayes proposed several Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), which were drafted by the CIP PIG members, which included Gordon, Heavilin, Kobayashi and Watson, to be voted on in February 2016. Hayes favored more investments for projects in Mānoa, for example, on Punahou Street at E. Mānoa Road/Mānoa Road, concerning bicycles, the proposal is to reduce the roadway from four (4) lanes to three (3) lanes with bike lanes. Gordon added that all ideas were suggested. Chair Eads noted that individual proposals will be voted on and not a block vote.

Discussion of Proposals Submitted to the Honolulu Charter Commission Related to the Neighborhood Commission and the Neighborhood Board System (Article XIV) – Tom Heinrich noted that there was a proposed amendment to abolish the Neighborhood Board system.

State Senator Brian Taniguchi – Heinrich distributed Senator Taniguchi's newsletter, which listed the City Charter amendments that pertained to the Neighborhood Boards and reported the following:

- Neighborhood Commission (NC) – Heinrich attended the last Neighborhood Commission (NC) meeting and the Neighborhood Commission (NC) voted to support proposal #89 [Change title of "executive secretary" to the Neighborhood Commission to "executive director" of the Neighborhood Board System/Neighborhood Commission Office]. #126 [Various changes to Article XIV, including: (1) broadening the role of neighborhood boards to also "serve as community forums"; (2) establish a "Neighborhood Office" with an executive director (change from "executive secretary") to serve as the administrative head; (3) identify the powers, duties, and functions of the executive director; (4) prohibit concurrent service on the Neighborhood Commission and a neighborhood board; and (5) identify the powers, duties, and functions of the Neighborhood Commission] and #129 [Place the employee positions, other than the executive secretary position, for the Neighborhood Commission within the civil service system] were deferred, and all others were opposed.

Comments followed:

1. Public Hearings – Heinrich requested that the City Charter Commission have public hearings after Tuesday, January 26, 2016.
2. Heinrich's Proposal – Concerning Heinrich's proposal that Commissioners could not concurrently be on the Neighborhood Boards was opposed by the Neighborhood Commission (NC). The Board could vote on this proposal in February 2016.
3. Timetable – After a consolidation of proposals, and the scheduling of public hearings, then the amendments will be placed on November 2016 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Nipo Street – There was a request to attach the map to the minutes. Board members discussed the repair of Nipo Street. There were no residents present and the road was mud with erosion. As almost all of the public had departed the meeting, Chair Eads mentioned that he had listed this agenda item as 5.3 to get public awareness. Heinrich added that Senator Taniguchi and Councilmember Kobayashi talked to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to look at the road and requested that road repair should be a priority after the large dump trucks' work is done. Armstrong wanted to go on record to support the residents. Residents had called 911, when they saw the trucks backing up. Someone mentioned that years ago the developers ran out of funds and there was no activity for years. It was noted that Nipo Street residents had not come out and Armstrong wanted to invite the developer to attend the Neighborhood Board meeting. Chair Eads cautioned that this may be a private matter. Heinrich offered that a resolution could be directed to the City to require the developer to come to the Neighborhood Board, as for six (6) years, there was no activity and now the construction crews are back.

At 9:20 p.m. Armstrong offered to write a motion to invite, but he needed the developer's contact information.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Patti Hoe was not present and Gordon read the report. As \$44.70 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the remaining balance was \$371.36.

Reports from Board Officers and/or Board Members – There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

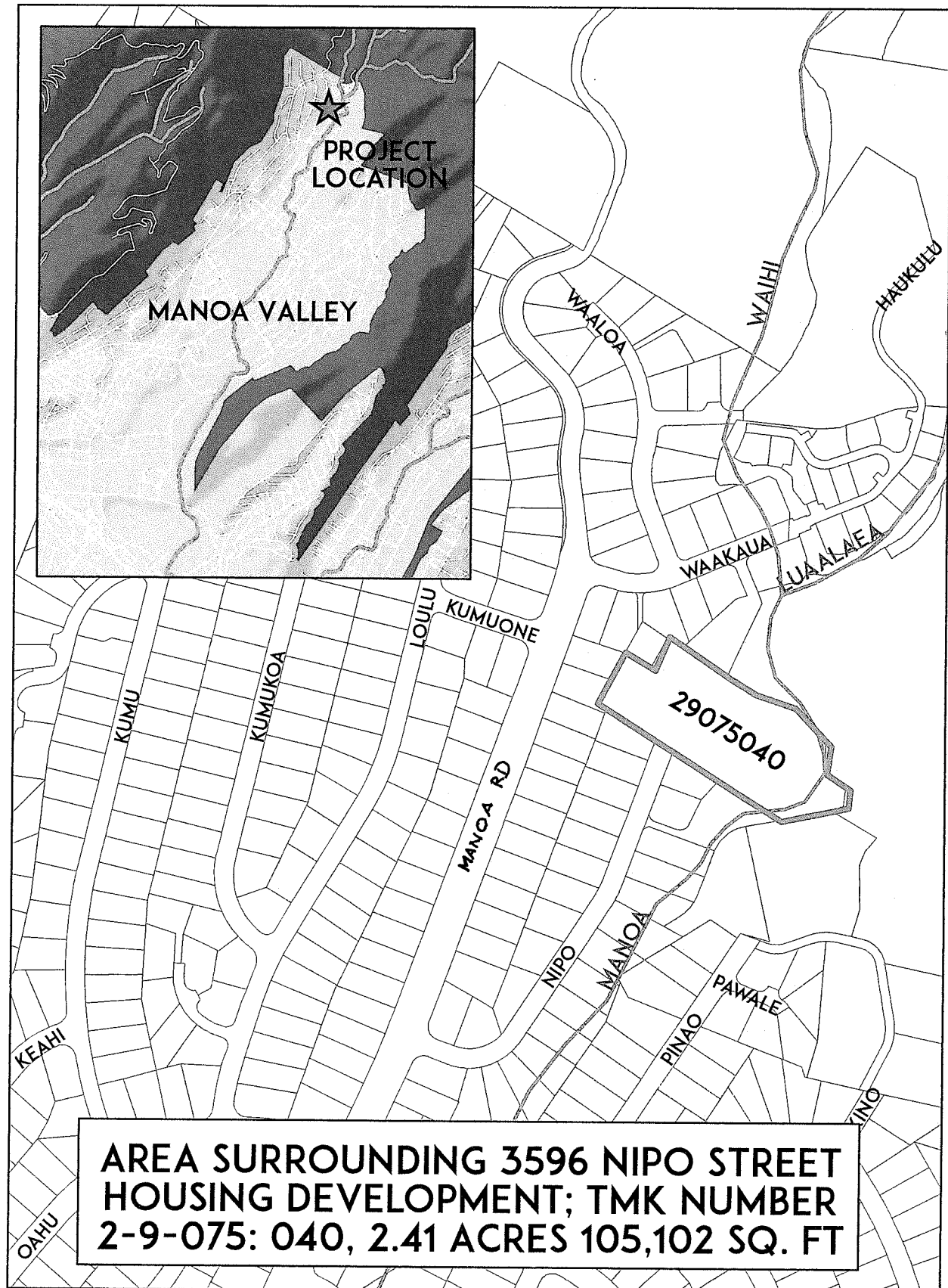
Input from Board and Community – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Eads adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. (Note – Map of Nipo Street development attached.)

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed by: Kristen Collat, Secretary,
Jim Hayes, Acting Chair, and
Eric Eads, Chair



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